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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS  
ACTIVATES RAPID RESPONSE TEAM TO ASSIST  
FORMER FREEMAN GUARDS, INC. EMPLOYEES**

HONOLULU - The Hawai'i Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) announced that it has activated its Rapid Response Team to assist Freeman Guards, Inc. employees who were laid off on October 21, 2010, after the company filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy. The Rapid Response Team is composed of staff from the DLIR's Workforce Development Division and Unemployment Insurance Division, the Department of Health and other State agencies.

Meetings for affected employees will be held:

**OAHU**

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2010 and Wednesday, October 27, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m. on both days

LOCATION: Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Building (DLIR and DoTAX Building)

830 Punchbowl Street, Room 310

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**MAUI**

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2010

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Maui Community College

310 W. Kaahumanu Avenue

Laulima Building, Room 105 (Building is next to Paina Cafeteria Building)

Kahului, Maui, Hawaii 96732

**HILO**

DATE: Tuesday, October 26, 2010

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Workforce Development Division

Big Island Workplace Connection

1990 Kinoole Street, Room 201

Hilo, Hawaii 96720

The Rapid Response Team will provide information on available services for these dislocated workers, including skills assessment, individual counseling, career planning, employment development, occupational skills training, on-the-job training, entrepreneurial training, job-readiness training and adult education. Participants will also

entrepreneurial training, job-readiness training and adult education. Participants will also be provided information regarding welfare assistance and medical benefits. Participants may also receive out-of-area job search assistance, relocation assistance and other related supportive services. Support services may include childcare, transportation assistance and job related certifications, uniforms and equipment.

Mr. David Farmer, Chapter 17 Trustee and Attorney, will also be at the Oahu meeting on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, to assist workers in filing proof of claim forms for outstanding wages due. The DLIR will set up a teleconference between the Oahu site and Maui and Hilo locations so Mr. Farmer can share information on the procedures for the proof of claim forms.

"The Administration is working to help the former Freeman Guards, Inc. employees by providing every possible opportunity to find meaningful employment and to ensure they are aware of the various resources and services available to provide for themselves and their families during this difficult time of transition," said Colleen LaClair, Deputy Director of Labor and Industrial Relations. "We also encourage all affected workers to contact Star Protection Agency, Securitas Security Services or other security companies for information on possible employment opportunities with these firms."

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